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SUBJECT: KUDIRKA CASE

REF: A. MOSCOW 13112; B. STATE 189743

1. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND FOLLOWING CABLE IN RUSSIAN TO SULSKIENE IN GRUSKABUDIS AT NOON LOCAL TIME AUGUST 30:
QUOTE THERE ARE REPORTS ORIGINATING IN THE UNITED STATES THAT YOUR SON SIMAS MAY HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT AND MAY BE WITH YOU IN GRISKABUDIS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOU OR SIMAS CONTACTING THE EMBASSY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. END QUOTE.

2. FOR TIME BEING WE INTEND TO POSTPONE FILING REQUEST WITH MFA FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO KUDIRKA IN GRISKABUDIS, PENDING EITHER OFFICAL CONFIRMATION OF KUDIRKA'S RELEASE OF AFFIRMATIVE REPLY TO ABOVE CABLE. GIVEN SENSITIVITIES SURROUNDING THIS CASE, AND LACK OF HARD INFORMATION AS TO KUDIRKA'S WHEREABOUTS, WE CONTINUE FAVOR NONPRECIPITATE LOW-KEY COURSE OF ACTION.

3. WE PLACE SOME STRESS ON FEDOSEYEV'S REMARK (REF. A) THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME TO WORK OUT "ALL PROCEDURES" IN THE KUDIRKA CASE. DURING THE TIME THAT THE SOVIET BUREAUCRACY MOVES METHODICALLY THROUGH THIS CASE, WE WOULD HESITATE TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO
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BE PRESSURING THE SOVIETS UNNECESSARILY, ESPECIALLY WHEN

INFORMAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT A BASIC DECISION FAVORABLE
TO KUDIRKA AND HIS FAMILY HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE.

4. AS SITUATION CLARIFIES, EMBASSY WILL REVIEW MATTER AND
ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF OUR PLANNED COURSES OF ACTION, INCLUDING
A POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO KUDIRKA.
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